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## Campaign Finance and Practices

### Complaint Form (10/09)

Type or print in ink all information on this form except for verification signature

#### Person bringing complaint (Complainant):

Complete Name Robyn Yancey  
 Complete Mailing Address PO Box 274  
Helena, MT 59624  
 Phone Numbers: Work 904-472-4400 Home \_\_\_\_\_

#### Person or organization against whom complaint is brought (Respondent):

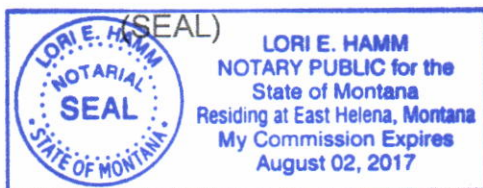
Complete Name Save Helena's Neighborhood School  
 Complete Mailing Address 401 Fountain Ct  
Helena, MT 59601  
 Phone Numbers: Work n/a Home \_\_\_\_\_

**Please complete the second page of this form and describe in detail the facts of the alleged violation.**

#### Verification by oath or affirmation

State of Montana, County of LEWIS & CLARK

I, Robyn L. Yancey, being duly sworn, state that the information in this Complaint is complete, true, and correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.



Rob L. Yancey  
 Signature of Complainant

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2015.  
Lori E. Hamm  
 Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

**Statement of facts:**

Describe in detail the alleged violation(s) and cite the statute or statutes you believe have been violated. Please attach copies of documentary evidence to support the facts alleged in your statement.

If the space provided below is insufficient, you may attach additional pages as necessary.

See attached

**Complaints must be:**

- signed
- notarized
- delivered in person or by certified mail.

Code: 13-35-225:

Save Our Neighborhood Schools signs with no disclosure are posted around Helena, and some have been documented through attached photos taken June 6, 2015. These photos show signs on streets around Hawthorne Elementary on Lawrence, Holter, and Harrison.



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## **13-35-225. Election materials not to be anonymous -- statement of accuracy -- notice -- penalty.**

(1) All communications advocating the success or defeat of a candidate, political party, or ballot issue through any broadcasting station, newspaper, magazine, outdoor advertising facility, direct mailing, poster, handbill, bumper sticker, internet website, or other form of general political advertising must clearly and conspicuously include the attribution "paid for by" followed by the name and address of the person who made or financed the expenditure for the communication. The attribution must contain:

(a) for election material financed by a candidate or a candidate's campaign finances, the name and the address of the candidate or the candidate's campaign; and

(b) for election material financed by a political committee, the name of the committee, the name of the committee treasurer, and the address of the committee or the committee treasurer.

(2) Communications in a partisan election financed by a candidate or a political committee organized on the candidate's behalf must state the candidate's party affiliation or include the party symbol.

(3) (a) Printed election material described in subsection (1) that includes information about another candidate's voting record must include the following:

(i) a reference to the particular vote or votes upon which the information is based;

(ii) a disclosure of contrasting votes known to have been made by the candidate on the same issue if the contrasting votes were made in any of the previous 6 years; and

(iii) a statement, signed as provided in subsection (3)(b), that to the best of the signer's knowledge, the statements made about the other candidate's voting record are accurate and true.

(b) The statement required under subsection (3)(a) must be signed:

(i) by the candidate if the election material was prepared for the candidate or the candidate's political committee and includes information about another candidate's voting record; or

(ii) by the person financing the communication or the person's legal agent if the election material was not prepared for a candidate or a candidate's political committee.

(4) If a document or other article of advertising is too small for the requirements of subsections (1) through (3) to be conveniently included, the candidate responsible for the material or the person financing the communication shall file a copy of the article with the commissioner of political practices, together with the required information or statement, at the time of its public distribution.

(5) If information required in subsections (1) through (3) is omitted or not printed, upon discovery of or notification about the omission, the candidate responsible for the material or the person financing the communication shall:

(a) file notification of the omission with the commissioner of political practices within 5 days of the discovery or notification;

(b) bring the material into compliance with subsections (1) through (3); and

(c) withdraw any noncompliant communication from circulation as soon as reasonably possible.

(6) Whenever the commissioner receives a complaint alleging a violation of subsection (1) or (2), the commissioner shall as soon as practicable assess the merits of the complaint.

(7) (a) If the commissioner determines that the complaint has merit, the commissioner shall notify the complainant and the candidate or political committee of the commissioner's determination. The notice must state that the candidate or political committee shall bring the material into compliance as required under this section:

(i) within 5 days after receiving the notification if the notification occurs more than 7 days prior to an election; or

